

SUSTAINABLE LONDON: PROPOSAL

**LONDON REGION RPS
PROJECT 2024**

THE ISSUE

- London is one of the worst polluted cities in the UK
- Residents produce more than 18m metric tonnes of waste a year
- Only 32% of waste gets recycled or composted
- A quarter of London homes are energy inefficient
- London's bio-diversity is at risk



“There is no scenario in which we keep adding carbon to the atmosphere and the world keeps getting hotter, and the hotter it gets, the harder it will be for humans to survive”

Bill Gates



PROPOSAL

To record some of the environmental threats to our city, and work to improve its sustainability and environmental credentials to improve the lives of Londoners – the way we live and the air we breathe

IDEAS...

There are lots of possible ways to tell the story:

- recording London's endangered species, or those that have come back due to environmental improvements
- documenting how an area of London is being cleaned up (eg a river or litter picking group) or an area suffering environmental damage
- portraits of an environmental champion
- photographing 'repair, reuse, recycle, resell' initiatives to showcase the circular economy
- documenting the consequences of poor water and air quality, and work to improve it
- documenting the work of a local environmental charity or
- photographs of green transport solutions (or protests against them).

These are just a few ideas – there are many (many) more!

HOW IT WILL WORK

- Produce a series of up to 8 images, or a single image [per photographer per submission]
- Depending on uptake we may limit the number of entries to two per photographer [ie 2 submissions/ panels each]
- We'll hold some Zoom meetings so people can share ideas, work in progress, (and problems)!
- Run the project over the course of 2024:
 - Photography Spring / Summer 2024
 - Taster event to coincide with World Environment Day (5 June)
 - Exhibition to coincide with World Clean up Day (16 Sept)
 - Formats to be determined
- We'll aim to get sponsorship for the project eg Mayor's Office, Corporation of London, NGOs
 - All suggestions and contacts welcome



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NEXT STEPS

- This has been adopted as RPS London's project for 2024?
- Is anyone interested in participating?
 - Does anyone have any ideas for what they might shoot?
 - Are there ideas for how we might take it forward, eg sponsorship, local groups to work with, exhibition venues?
- If you're interested in participating or helping to run the project, please contact greenlondon@rps.org
- We are holding two Zoom meetings on 19th & 20th February to discuss everyone's ideas and firm up the project. [19th link](#) or [20th link](#)